

REMARKS

After the previously submitted Amendment (filed September 29, 2008), claims 1- and 5-8 are pending. Of the foregoing, claims 5-8 have been withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.142(b). This Supplemental Response is submitted in addition to the above-identified Amendment, which included a complete response to the Final Office Action of May 27, 2008.

Initially, Applicants thank Examiner Hoekstra for extending the courtesy of a telephonic interview with Applicants' representative, Mr. Pedro A. Rojas (Reg. No. 63,008), which was conducted on Tuesday, October 7, 2008.

Regarding the required statement of the substance of Interview, it is the understanding of Applicants' representative that it was agreed that the reference of record (i.e., Takagi) does not teach or suggest all of the novel and unobvious features of amended claim 1. However, Examiner Hoekstra suggested that claim 1 be further amended to obviate the broad interpretation of "intended use" language. In particular, it was agreed that the recitation of "a CPU for predicting ..." would be best recited as "a CPU *configured to predict* ...". Applicants thus respectfully assert, *a fortiori*, that claim 1, as amended, is patentably distinguishable over Takagi.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, withdrawal of the rejections over Takagi and a prompt allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

Since the response filed on September 29, 2008 was fully responsive, and since this Supplemental Response adds no new claims, applicants believe no additional fees are due and no extension of time is required. However, if any fees are due or if an extension of time is required please treat this paper as a petition therefor and please charge any required fees to the Deposit Account shown below.

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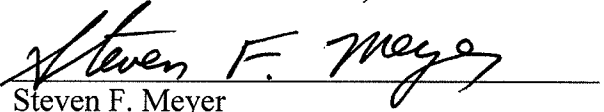
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. **13-4500**, Order No. 1232-5178. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. **13-4500**, Order No. 1232-5178. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

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